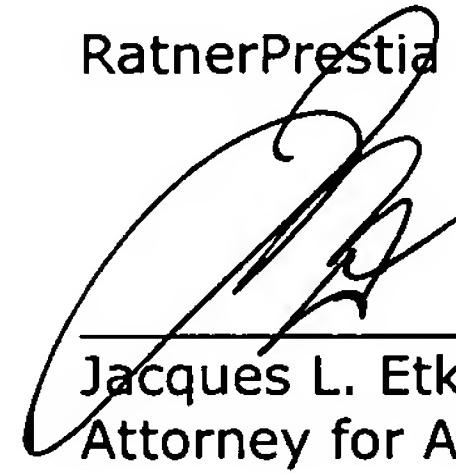


Remarks/Arguments:

Applicants have amended the claims and Abstract to better conform to US practice. No new matter is added by these amendments. Applicants respectfully request, therefore, that the amendments be entered and examined.

Respectfully submitted,

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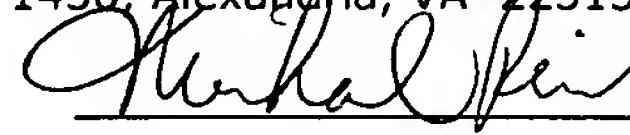
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